



# ISCC PLUS

## SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION FOR BIOMASS, RECYCLABLES AND THEIR PRODUCTS

### WHAT IS ISCC?

International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) is an independent, multi-stakeholder initiative and leading certification system that supports sustainable, fully traceable, deforestation-free and climate-friendly supply chains.

**ISCC has over 240 association members.**

ISCC provides clear chain of custody (COC) approaches with certification of the entire supply chain, from the raw material supplier to the brand owner receiving ISCC licensing to support their claims.

The scheme has site-specific certificates across material cultivation/ collection and processing, as well as final product distribution. Annual recertification is required.

ISCC's zero-deforestation policy ensures the protection of forests, high-carbon stock lands and biodiversity.

Main requirements:

- Quality management – procedures, internal training and audits, and responsibilities
- Mass balance or physical segregation – no overselling of certified products
- Traceability – all deliveries must be traceable. Direct suppliers only

Among its services, ISCC developed the ISCC PLUS certification scheme.

### WHAT IS ISCC PLUS?

ISCC PLUS is a sustainable certification scheme for bio-based, renewable and circular raw materials. It can help demonstrate your voluntary implementation of sustainability goals on a global scale. It also interconnects the entire supply chain, from cultivation, plastic recycling and electrolysis to plastic or chemical manufacturers and the final products of brand owners.

Originating in the biofuel sector, ISCC PLUS is closely related to the European Commission's Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) and is well-established to offer solutions that address sustainability requirements for numerous feedstocks and all markets.

ISCC PLUS can help you switch from a linear to circular economy, one that avoids incineration and landfill, and adopts recycling and reusing materials and components.

Clear chains of custody and traceability strengthen consumer trust and can help you to work toward a sustainable future.

ISCC PLUS enables your organization to demonstrate its will to act responsibly while securing sustainability throughout supply chains.

Voluntary add-ons include:

- Environmental management and biodiversity
- Classified chemicals
- Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Gold
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Consumables
- Food security
- Genetically modified organism-free (GMO) food and feed
- GMO-free products for technical markets

### WHAT WE OFFER

With expertise in all major industries, we understand each sector's pain points and have the technical skills and logistical capabilities to ensure realistic outcomes.

An audit against ISCC PLUS from SGS will help your organization to stand out from the crowd by supporting you to develop and improve sustainability concerning biomass, recyclables and their products.

**SGS**



We can provide:

- Audits globally
- Experienced auditors with an in-depth understanding of certification requirements
- Audits in combination with other standards
- Verification of GHG calculations
- Extensive experience and a strong reputation in the certification industry

SGS Academy also offers a range of sustainability [training courses](#), covering topics like the environment, energy, agriculture, food and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG).

#### WHO IS IT FOR?

Organizations and raw material suppliers, producers and brand owners that deal with:

- Agricultural and forestry biomass
- Bio-based waste and residues from agriculture, aquaculture, forestry and processing industries
- Fossil waste and residues for the circular economy
- Renewable energy

It covers all industrial applications, including chemicals, packaging, plastics, food, feed and energy.

#### HOW CAN ISCC PLUS CERTIFICATION HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION?

Certification follows successful completion of an audit and enables you to:

- Demonstrate compliance with regulatory frameworks (e.g. EU Green Deal), national laws and industry-driven initiatives
- Declare your product's carbon footprint to help reduce GHG emissions
- Support the protection of forests and biodiversity
- Trace your sustainability efforts across your supply chain
- Make realistic and verifiable claims
- Demonstrate good corporate governance for better ESG performance
- Increase sustainability ranking to access credits and loans, and improve ESG ratings on the stock market and attractiveness to investors
- Access new markets and displace established (fossil) products through recycled or bio-based products
- Meet customer expectations through sustainably produced products

#### A STEP-BY-STEP CERTIFICATION PROCESS

1. We talk you through the process
2. We create a non-binding offer for you

3. You place an order and conclude the contract

4. You register your site at <https://www.iscc-system.org>

5. After conclusion of the contract, we send you a list of the required documents

6. The auditor arranges an appointment with you and carries out the on-site assessment

7. If necessary, you implement corrections based on the audit findings

8. We send you the audit results in a report

9. We issue you a certificate and send a copy to the ISCC

#### ABOUT SGS

We are SGS – the world's leading testing, inspection and certification company. We are recognized as the global benchmark for sustainability, quality and integrity.

Our 97,000 employees operate a network of 2,650 offices and laboratories, working together to enable a better, safer and more interconnected world.

#### WHERE NEXT?

To learn more about ISCC and ISCC PLUS, contact us now.

Nicole Erdmann

☎ +49 (0) 4473 9439 19

✉ [Inquiries-sustainability-de@sgs.com](mailto:Inquiries-sustainability-de@sgs.com)